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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, OVIP, RP (ROMULO, CARLOS P.)

SUBJECT:MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: MANILA 1435

1. REGARDING ROMULO WASHINGTON VISIT, WE ARE PLANNING TO PROPOSE TO SECRETARY THAT HE SCHEDULE ONE-HOUR SESSION WITH ROMULO FOR LATE MORNING FOLLOWED BY WORKING LUNCHEON. PREFERRED DATE WOULD BE APRIL 12, WITH SOME OTHER DAY THAT WEEK AS ALTERNATIVE. BECAUSE OF HEAVY DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S TIME, WE WOULD HOPE THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR BASIC DISCUSSION. IF THERE REMAINED ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED HERE AFTER THEIR MEETING AND PRIOR TO OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MANILA YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE. OUR CURRENT THINKING ON ROMULO-KISSINGER MEETING IS THAT IT WOULD BE GENERAL IN NATURE AND THAT WHATEVER DRAFT U.S. SIDE TABLES WOULD NOT BE TABLED IN WASHINGTON, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY IN MANILA. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. IN MEANTIME WE WILL BE PREPARING BRIEFING PAPERS AND TALKING POINTS FOR SECRETARY WHICH WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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REVIEWED WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME IN ADVANCE.

2. WORKING GROUP REVIEW OF EMBASSY DRAFT WILL BE SUBJECT
SEPTTEL. I EXPECT YOU TO HAVE SOME IMMEDIATE COMMENTS ON
THE SUBJECT.

3. MILLER IS NOW PLANNING A TRIP WHICH WOULD PUT HIM IN
MANILA MID-MARCH. HE WILL SHORTLY ADVISE YOU MORE
SPECIFICALLY REGARDING HIS PLANS.

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